Recommendations

* Allow 74% FDI under the automatic route without additional conditionalities.
* Encourage new service (*e.g.* Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNOs), and more efficient utilisation of existing infrastructure (e.g. through local loop unbundling), while ensuring a level playing field and "non worse off" situation for existing telecom service licencees.
* Establish an equitable and sustainable spectrum policy.
* Establish an equitable policy covering incumbent and private service providers' operations and growth.
* Align levies and fees on telecom with international benchmarks, especially in the Asian region.
* Ensure Regulator autonomy.

Crop loans to farmers

1553. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total crop loans provided to farmers in 2005-06 by Co-operative Banks, Nationalized Banks, Regional Rural Banks and private Banks in each State;

(b) whether all banks credited 2 per cent interest rebate to farmers accounts before 31st March, 2006 as per NABARD instructions;

(c) if so, the total amount released by Central Government to States under Central Government 2 per cent interest rebate scheme;

(d) whether any State adjusted 2 per cent Central Government interest rebate to its own interest rebate scheme; and

(e) if so, whether Government would give clear-cut instructions to States; so that misappropriation of Central Government funds does not take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The crop loans provided to farmers in 2005-06 by Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks is given in the Statement (*See* below). The data of loans by Nationalised Banks and Private Banks for 2005-06 are not collated as yet.

(b) and (c) Government of India has released Rs. 1700 crores to RBI for reimbursing the scheduled commercial banks (nationalised and private banks), cooperative banks and regional rural banks through NABARD on account of their crediting 2% interest rebate (relief) to the farmer's account before 31st March 2006. So far 22 public sector banks and 12 private sector banks have been reimbursed to the extent of Rs. 252.58 crore and Rs. 5.16 crore respectively. In addition to this, an amount of Rs. 840 crore out of the above has been made available to NABARD for reimbursing the RRBs and Cooperative Banks. Thus the total disbursement on account of this scheme stood at Rs. 1097.74 crore as on date. The details of claim for District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs), State Cooperative Banks (SCBs), State Cooperative and Rural Development Banks (SCARDBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) settled by NABARD as on 27th July 2006 are as under:—

Sl. No.	No. of States	Name of Agency	Claims settled *(Amount in Rs.)*
1.	18	DCCBs	3,62,88,96,048
2.	8	SCBs*	21,16,035
3.	2	SCARDB	47,97,187
4.	25	RRBs#	1,34,74,16,684
		TOTAL	**4,98,32,25,954**

* Working as Central Financing Agency (CFA)

\# in respect of 106 RRBs

(d) and (e) Rs. 1700 crore has been released to RBI for making reimbursement to the Banks for crediting 2% interest rebate in the farmer's accounts. No money has been released to the States.

Statement

State-wise details of Crop Loans provided by Cooperative Banks and RRBs during 2005-06

Sl. No.	State	SCBs	LDBs	RRBs
1.	Delhi	53.12	0.00	0.00
2.	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Haryana	423817.20	0.00	63548.00
4.	Punjab	569189.46	861.42	46076.96
5.	Himachal Pradesh	5397.78	0.00	2915.43
6.	J & K	919.46	0.00	1439.92
7.	Uttar Pradesh	147266.73	0.00	244589.79
8.	Uttaranchal	20350.42	0.00	3787.35
9.	A & N Islands	89.07	0.00	0.00
10.	Bihar	21840.02	0.00	26262.49
11.	Chhattisgarh	34232.64	0.00	11532.44
12.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	5478.20
13.	Orissa	138139.37	0.00	28418.78
14.	West Bengal$	51316.00	0.00	15463.28
15.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	25.47
16.	Assam	74.45	0.00	3238.34
17.	Manipur*	12.03	0.00	18.67
18.	Meghalaya	153.04	0.00	404.94
19.	Mizoram	5.45	0.00	225.19
20.	Nagaland	85.99	0.00	61.55
21.	Sikkim	60.25	0.00	0.00
22.	Tripura	64.13	0.00	658.71
23.	Goa	263.23	0.00	0.00
24.	Gujarat	272307.44	0.00	41404.99
25.	Madhya Pradesh	189379.71	0.00	98164.65
26.	Maharashtra	333333.77	0.00	26256.18
27.	Rajasthan	227899.79	1117.81	95824.68

Sl. No.	State	SCBs	LDBs	RRBs
28.	Andhra Pradesh	260824.15	0.00	210700.38
29.	Karnataka	223871.35	0.00	140923.46
30.	Kerala	94033.00	0.00	44791.00
31.	Tamilnadu	250652.08	0.00	64572.14
32.	Pondicherry	1249.51	0.00	0.00
33.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	**3267780.64**	**1979.23**	**1176782.99**

SCBs - State Cooperative Banks

LDBs - Land Development Banks

RRBs - Regional Rural Banks

Private public partnership financing of infrastructure projects

1554. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total cumulative net quantum of FDI (excluding FII) into various Infrastructure projects since May, 2004;

(b) what is the status of the private-public partnership financing of infrastructure projects;

(c) if so, how many projects have been approved under this programme;

(d) what is the total quantum involved and the details of these projects; and

(e) how many projects under private-public partnership are being considered for financing from Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Sector-wise FDI inflows during 2004 (January-December), 2005 (January-December) and 2006 (January-March) including that of infrastructure sectors, is given at Statement-I (*See* below).